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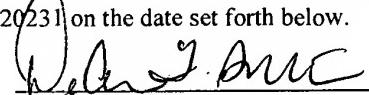
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as requested below.

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 1 of page 1 of the specification, after the title, with the following re-written paragraph:

-- Related Applications

This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60,337,883, entitled "DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF VASCULAR DISEASE", filed on December 5, 2001, the contents of which are incorporated herein in their entirety by reference.--